

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. Selectmen present were Janet Smith, Roberta Gerkin, and James McIlroy. Others present were Brian Knipstein (Road Agent), Police Chief Reed, Lynn Sweet, Don Doane, and Bill Davis.

Brian Knipstein asked about the status of the salt shed easement. The Agreement has been written up and will be sent out for review with a request that the party come in to discuss the Agreement and make final changes to it before being signed.

Brian asked permission to post "NO DOGS ALLOWED" signs at the Salt Shed. There is an ongoing problem with dog debris being left around the shed. The request was approved by the Selectmen. Chief Reed said that he will have the officers do drive-bys after the signs are posted.

Chief Reed gave the Selectmen his report on the Emergency Shelter and power outage that occurred on February 17<sup>th</sup> and lasted until noon on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Chief would like a list of people in town who need to be checked on during an emergency. Roberta suggested using the website to offer residents the opportunity to sign up to be on a call/check list.

Don Doane asked for a copy of the breakdown of funds being used for the Piscassic Greenway in order to shop around for the best bond price. The banks will need to know which Towns and Organizations are involved and how much each is contributing to the purchase price.

James apologized to Lynn Sweet for informing her at the Deliberative Session that the Town insurance had been placed elsewhere. He stated that he should have told her this in private, before the meeting was held.

Lynn asked if the savings in premium is actually 50% or \$10,000. It was confirmed that this is true for the Property and Liability coverages. Lynn then asked if the Health insurance really went up \$30,000. This is true because two additional police officers are now taking the town coverage. Lynn asked for a copy of the Primex quote and it was given to her. Lynn stressed that Primex is self-funded unlike the insurance companies she represents. During this discussion, it was pointed out that both Primex and the insurance companies Perkins Insurance represents use re-insurance.

At 7:10pm the Selectmen went up to the Town Hall for the SB2 Public Hearing.

At 8:25pm the Selectmen were back in session.

The correspondence from Rockingham County Conservation regarding Evergreen Estates was reviewed and Nancy confirmed that copies were given to the Road Agent.

Primex confirmed that the Town is receiving the discount for having an Accredited Police Department. They also advised that a check has been sent to the Town for the additional discount on the Workers' Compensation policy due because the Property and Liability coverages were placed with Primex.

Janet asked Primex if the town could prevent an employee from being on two health insurance plans. If an employee is already receiving health insurance through another plan, such as their spouse's, then according to Primex the town cannot prevent them from also taking the town's health insurance, although the employee has nothing to gain from doing so. The town currently pays 100% of health insurance for its employees.

The Non-Renewal Notices for the insurance coverages with Perkins Insurance Agency were signed.

Janet made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2006 Selectmen's Meeting. Roberta seconded and all were in favor.

At 8:40pm James made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Janet and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer